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Dawlish Garden Society

Newsletter September 2021

Summer Show—August 14th



Congratulations to all the winners from the show.

Thank you to everyone who took part, who helped on the day and those who came and supported us. It was a good day. We hope that next year we can resume a full show programme and bring back crafts and cooking, along with the produce classes that were missed out this year.

We are also discussing new ideas for the show, and if anyone has any suggestions, please let the show secretaries Sue Thompson or June Cassidy know. We are already planning to put the schedule and entry forms on the website, along with advice on showing in the different classes next year.

Big Green Event—September 18th

The Big Green Event covers the week of September 18th—25th with activities around Dawlish all week. The Garden Society is having a stand at The Lawns event on Saturday 18th. The full programme of the weeks events can be found at, dawlishtransition.org.uk

The theme of our stall is 'Sustainable and Local Gardening', if you would like to take part on the day or contribute before hand, please contact Suzanne.

Autumn Programme

At the moment we are looking at a return to 'normal' for our autumn programme, with refreshments and £1 entry reinstated for members to cover this and the raffle.

For members who have joined this summer, we start 'talking' at 7.15, however before this the flower of the month is judged, and members often bring in things to share / sell on an interest table. So we advise arriving around 7.00pm.

September 30th

Flowers for Container Gardening with Tom Sharples

October 28th

Gardening for the National Trust with Giles Palmer

November 25th

RHS Kew with Stewart Henchie

Programme in 2022

Dates for the first three months, full details of the 2022 programme will be in the December Newsletter. The committee is aware that many people do not like going out in the cold dark nights of winter, so both January and February meetings will be on Saturday mornings 10.00-12.00.

January 22nd—This will be a coffee morning. With activities such as a seed swap and advice on sowing and growing, some early flowering spring plants will be for sale, we will also be starting to prepare for the Summer show. We hope that some members from neighbouring societies will be able to join us.

February 26th - Talk to be confirmed

March 24th—Back to a normal Thursday evening meetings, with a combined Spring Flower Show and the AGM.

Westcliff Primary Academy Sensory Garden and Community Garden

On a warm sunny day in August, three of us volunteers turned up at what will be the newly transformed Garden and Community Space at Westcliff Primary Academy. Ali Fletcher, the co-ordinator, met us and handed us a paintbrush each and two large cans of Cuprinol green fence paint, so we just got stuck in. Shirley started at one end, Jenny and I took on the slope and door. Isn't it just amazing where the time goes when you're having fun and chatting away.

Other volunteers were thinning the trees to let more light into the area where raised beds will be placed, even carving one stump into a mushroom shape!

Ali provided hot and cold drinks and luckily we had some shade from the Monkey Puzzle tree.

Our allotted time was soon used up but we couldn't

leave with a few planks still unpainted, so we finished the whole fence to Ali's and our satisfaction.

This is just the start of a much bigger project that Ali is co-ordinating. There are lots of opportunities for volunteering - whatever time you have free, or whatever skills you have, Ali will have a job for you. If you are handy with a paintbrush, fancy planting up pots or growing on seeds, pruning the fruit trees, working with wood, or turning old pallets into a seating area your help will be great appreciated by the children and wider community. You can contact Ali Fletcher through Suzanne or June.



Now is the time to save seeds—and plant bi-annuals for flowers next summer.

As flowers and fruit start to go over they will be setting seeds, so now is a great time to collect them. Some of them such as tomatoes, poppies and beans can be collected and stored in an envelope in a cool dry place. Others such as hollyhock and foxgloves can be sown now and grown on over winter for planting out in spring. If you would like some free seeds to try for yourself come down to see us at the Big Green Event on the 18th, Roger and others there will be happy to talk you through saving, storing and sowing. Or come to the meeting in January to swap seeds or to learn how to bring on your own plants.

The newsletter is now quarterly, so the next one will be out in early December, if you have any copy for it, can you let us have it by the meeting in November.

For enquires contact: Chair, June Cassidy on 439076
or Secretary Suzanne Jones on 889184

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The Queens Green Canopy

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark the Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is

being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

It is hoped it will create a network of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands in honour of The Queen's service and the legacy she has built, and with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.

Any trees planted from October 2021 to the end of the jubilee year in 2022 can be part of the QGC. Tree planting season is October to March – this is when roots are dormant and new trees will have the best chance of flourishing.

The Woodland Trust has bundles of trees free for local organisations or individual trees for people to buy, all Trust trees are reared in the UK, so are disease free.

